

February 22, 2003

Country of Origin Labeling
Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA
Attn: William T. Sessions, Associate Deputy Administrator
Stop 0249 Room 2092-S
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20250-0249

Dear Mr. Sessions:

I am a grower of pecans here in Georgia and hold down a job with a farm machinery company and can see how imports are affecting our country.

Since we here in the states are held to the highest and strictest rules and our competitors in other countries are not, it is only fair that we have country of origin labeling for pecans.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Ross".

James M. Ross